

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding from the radio station I listen to that the FCC is currently considering adopting changes. These changes include requiring community advisory boards, additional staffing and no longer allowing translator stations.

I am writing in response to this information and it is of great concern that I urge you to take into consideration the repercussions of these changes to Christian Radio as we know it today. If any of these changes are adopted, there would be a significant impact on the message my radio station ministers to me and the community I live and work in, as well as communities around the nation. The station I listen to is listener supported. Every Spring & Fall the station ramps up a donation campaign so that every station becomes fully funded. This allows the station to use what would be commercials time as ministry time. Listeners can call in at any time and talk about their struggles and receive support, prayer and guidance from staff Pastors. The station I listen to brings me to tears daily by showing the power of prayer and living a God-centered life. I listen to this station during commute time, amazingly the music & message give me peace during rush hour traffic in a huge metropolitan area – if only all drivers listened to Christian radio we would have happy commuters ☺ This is the only radio station that is positive always and reports the daily news & good news given from listeners around the world.

Please consider that by requiring advisory boards that these appointed individuals may not be friendly and open to the Christian mission of the station.

Please consider that requiring additional staffing will add tens of thousands of dollars in addition to monthly expenses to each station broadcasted – Again, the station I listen to is LISTENER SUPPORTED. In this time of economic strain this is not the time to increase operating costs for a radio station being funded by its listeners.

Please consider these changes could force translation stations off the air. This will stop the word of God from being spread around the world. Each week, I hear stories from United States Troops who are overseas in Iraq fighting for our freedoms – these troops are being supported and uplifted with the Word of God through this radio station. The radio station is providing hope & courage to our Troops! Our Troops fight for our freedoms – FREEDOM OF SPEECH – The 1st Amendment! By implementing these rules the station will no longer be able to share in the Christian religion as an advisory board would be dictating what is shared on the air. These changes could take away our amendment of freedom of speech!

Christian radio stations throughout the nation are working to make positive changes in the lives of people around the world. Each day people are saved from a life of drugs, homelessness and hopelessness by a radio station that shares the word of God. Please consider my letter before making decisions that could be detrimental to the Christian community and the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

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